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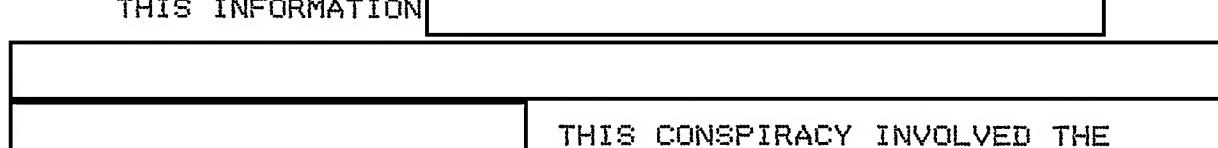
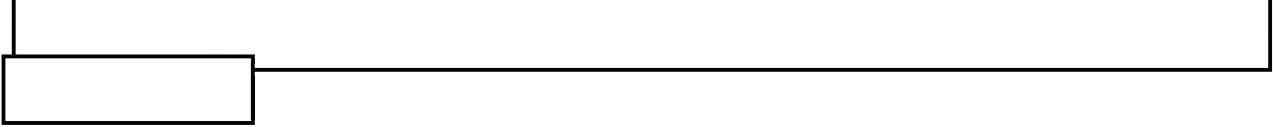
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THIS CONSPIRACY INVOLVED THE UTILIZATION OF OFFICIAL U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE VOUCHERS, MADE OUT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF POSTAGE STAMPS AT THE HOUSE POST OFFICE (HPO), THAT WERE, IN ACTUALITY, REDEEMED BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOR CASH. THE INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBES [REDACTED] REP. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI (ILLINOIS) AND FORMER REP. JOE KOLTER (PENNSYLVANIA), ALTHOUGH FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) POLICY REASONS, THE INFORMATION DOES NOT MENTION THEIR NAMES. RATHER, THE INFORMATION REFERS TO ROSTENKOWSKI AS "REP A" AND KOLTER AS "REP B" AND LISTS SPECIFIC VOUCHERS WHICH WERE REDEEMED FOR CASH BY THOSE TWO SUBJECT REPRESENTATIVES. REP. AUSTIN MURPHY (PENNSYLVANIA) IS NOT REFERRED TO IN THE INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH HE REMAINS AN ACTIVE SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

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Date 7/16/93

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Date of transcription 7/26/93

Security Number (SSN) [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social [redacted]  
 [redacted] home address [redacted]  
 [redacted] phone number [redacted] provided the  
 following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was the [redacted] for WILSHORE FORD MOTOR SALES, INC., (WMS) 611 Green Bay Road, Wilmette, but stated that he could not remember the specific dates of his employment. He stated that he began in 1984 or 1985 and left the car company approximately 1990. [redacted] advised that during his last year with WMS he worked as the company's [redacted]. He stated that he left WMS because he didn't agree with the [redacted] on a number of issues. When asked directly if his leaving WMS had anything to do with the business activities between WMS and DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI, [redacted] advised that it had not.

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[redacted] stated that as the [redacted] for WMS his responsibilities included getting loans for customers, completing the appropriate tax, license, and title forms, completing the bill of sales, billing out the entire car purchasing deal, and all the other paperwork needed to complete the sale. [redacted] advised that although the company did rent cars, he did not have any responsibilities in that area. [redacted] indicated that all the paperwork for renting vehicles was handled by WMS's service department. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] worked in the service department.

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[redacted] was asked about his knowledge of cars being leased to ROSTENKOWSKI, when actually a bill of sale was completed by WMS. [redacted] stated that if he completed a bill of sale for a vehicle, the vehicle would have been considered sold, and [redacted] would have had no additional dealings regarding the financing of the vehicle. [redacted] advised that [redacted] the former [redacted] of WMS, probably placed the paperwork dealing with the ROSTENKOWSKI account on his desk, and he simply processed it as he did all the others.

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 by SA [redacted] *MB* *ATH* Date dictated 7/19/93

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[redacted] was asked about how WMS determines the monthly lease payments for customers, and [redacted] stated that the monthly price to lease vehicles came from the printed rules provided by FORD MOTOR CREDIT (FMCC). [redacted] advised that, when he was the [redacted] at WMS, WMS only used two leasing companies; CITICORP and FMCC. [redacted] stated that if a customer wanted to lease a car, the only lease documents that were used were either from the FMCC or CITICORP.

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[redacted] stated that he could not recall any specific details regarding purchases or leasing arrangements between ROSTENKOWSKI and WMS. [redacted] did however remember that ROSTENKOWSKI purchased a 1987 customized van from WMS, but could provide no specific information regarding the deal. [redacted] stated that he did not believe that there was a FORD lease contract signed for the van, but if it was leased, an informal agreement was probably made. [redacted] stated that [redacted] could authorize such an arrangement, but that he was not personally aware of such a deal. [redacted] stated that if ROSTENKOWSKI had a special arrangement with [redacted] to lease vehicles when bill of sales were completed, [redacted] would have no knowledge of the special arrangement. [redacted] stated that he did not complete personal loan/lease contracts for [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he had only met ROSTENKOWSKI on one occasion. He advised that during this visit, ROSTENKOWSKI was at the car dealership on more of a social call rather than to purchase or look at any vehicles. [redacted] stated that ROSTENKOWSKI dealt strictly with [redacted] for any car purchasing or leasing arrangements. [redacted] advised that [redacted] signed all the sales documentation for ROSTENKOWSKI, and was not aware if [redacted] had permission to do so. [redacted] advised that he asked [redacted] why he signed the forms for ROSTENKOWSKI, and [redacted] stated that ROSTENKOWSKI was to busy to handle such matters.

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[redacted] stated that he remembered preparing the paperwork for vehicles bought or leased by family members of ROSTENKOWSKI. He advised that his daughters often used a shorter version of the family name, (ie. ROSTEN), when purchasing automobiles.

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[redacted] advised that he was aware that certain customers received preferential treatment, and ROSTENKOWSKI was among those

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type of customers. [redacted] stated that he did not know of any instances where ROSTENKOWSKI was part of any arrangement or money making scheme with WMS.

[redacted] stated that it was possible that a customer may not be expected to put a down payment on a leased car, especially if the customer had good credit. He advised that on occasion the management might help out a personal friend by waiving the need for a down payment.

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[redacted] advised that he had no knowledge that ROSTENKOWSKI had leased three to four vehicles from WMS, that were actually documented as sales.

[redacted] stated that a customer could get a title for a leased vehicle, but it would be up to WMS to indicate any lien or lienholder on the title. [redacted] stated that it was not mandatory for WMS to include themselves as a lienholder on a vehicle title, if WMS had a personal arrangement with the customer.

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[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] Social Security  
Account Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] working as the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, and provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was the [REDACTED]

October, 1992, to February, 1993. As the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had a relationship [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] believed  
that [REDACTED] was also having a relationship with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I stated that he had [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I stated that in December, 1992, or January,  
1993, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED]

I located the [REDACTED]

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*WJB*  
by SA [REDACTED] TJB/tb *TJB* Date dictated 7/26/93  
SA [REDACTED]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated that the above [redacted]

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[redacted] was then asked about his knowledge [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the day [redacted] requested  
[redacted] observed [redacted] taking  
[redacted] does not know what  
[redacted] but [redacted] indicated that he had  
heard that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed that [redacted]

[redacted] characterized [redacted] and  
indicated that [redacted] was the kind of person who would take a  
fall for ROSTENKOWSKI. When [redacted] was asked why [redacted] would  
[redacted] indicated that he had received [redacted]

[redacted] stated  
that [redacted] (name  
unknown) and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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had given [redacted] notice, but [redacted] didn't respond. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] and was [redacted]

[redacted] was asked to identify his source, but [redacted]  
would not provide the name of his source, or the source's  
background.

[redacted] was asked if he had ever seen ROSTENKOWSKI at  
[redacted] stated that he had seen ROSTENKOWSKI on a [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated  
that it was during this time that the Chicago newspapers had been  
contacting WMS about ROSTENKOWSKI's vehicle transactions.  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that the [redacted] and then was  
gone for a period of time. [redacted] believed that [redacted] kept  
[redacted] collected  
cars and had no room to store an additional automobile at his  
residence. [redacted] identified [redacted] girlfriend as [redacted]  
of [redacted] stated that [redacted] was [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] cannot be [redacted]

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Date 7/29/93

TO : SAC, WMFO  
*WMB:EN*  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58C-WF-180673) (P)  
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK  
 OO:WMFO

Re: WMFO airtel to Chicago dated 6/1/93, and WMFO conference call to Chicago dated 2/1/93.

Enclosed for WMFO are the following:

1) The original Federal Grand Jury subpoenas for [redacted]

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2) The original and one copy each of FD-302 interviews of [redacted] and [redacted]

  
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3) Two 1A Envelopes containing the original notes of the above interviews.

4) Numerous Chicago newspaper articles from 7/20/93 to 7/27/93, regarding DAN ROSTENKOWSKI

The enclosed subpoenas are being returned to WMFO, as the individuals to receive the enclosed subpoenas have already been interviewed by the United States Attorneys Office for the District of Columbia, and AUSA [redacted] advised in reference telcall that the Chicago Office should not serve the enclosed subpoenas.

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Referenced airtel requested Chicago locate and interview eight current and/or former employees of WIL-SHORE

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 1-Chicago (58C-WF-180673)  
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MOTOR SALES, INC., Wilmette, Illinois. To date, three individuals have been located and two interviews have been conducted.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will complete the leads set out in referenced airtel dated 6/1/93.

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Date 8/5/93

TO : SAC, CHICAGO  
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)  
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK  
 OO:WF

Re: WMFO Telcall of 8/5/93 from SA [redacted]  
 to SA [redacted]

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Enclosed for Chicago are four Federal Grand Jury subpoenas. Copies of these subpoenas have been previously provided to Chicago by facsimile transmission.

As discussed in the referenced communication, the following leads are being set out for Chicago:

LEADSCHICAGO FIELD DIVISIONAT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Serve the enclosed subpoenas on the [redacted]

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2. Recontact personnel at BILBO PLATING COMPANY in

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an attempt to determine if any ROSTENKOWSKI vehicles are stored at that facility at the present time.

3. Conduct interview of [redacted]

4. Conduct interview of former Wil-Shore employee  
[redacted] currently employed at [redacted]

5. Contact the [redacted]  
[redacted]

6. Determine current status of 2309 N. Damen St.  
and advise if this address is in any way utilized by  
ROSTENKOWSKI for his District Office or Campaign Operations.

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Date 8/11/93

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (Attn: SA [redacted])  
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)  
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK  
 OO:WF

Re: WMFO Telcall of 8/5/93 from SA [redacted]  
 to SSA [redacted] and of 8/11/93 to SA  
 [redacted]

Enclosed for Milwaukee are two Federal Grand Jury  
 subpoenas for [redacted]

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[redacted] Copies of these documents were  
 previously provided to Milwaukee by facsimile.

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For the information of Milwaukee, PLATE BLOCK is  
 the code name of the investigation involving the U.S. House of  
 Representatives Post Office and includes, among others,  
 ROSTENKOWSKI as a subject.

Investigation into this matter has produced  
 information that ROSTENKOWSKI has demanded "kick-backs" from  
 various employees of his District Office in the city of  
 Chicago. ROSTENKOWSKI would place certain persons on his  
 official District Office Payroll and then would demand that a  
 portion of their U.S. Treasury paychecks be provided to him.

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Additionally, ROSTENKOWSKI would also utilize various District Office employees to perform work of a personal and non-official nature for him. Two of these employees have been identified as IRENE and ROBERT RUSSO, who were employed to perform cleaning work at ROSTENKOWSKI's District Office.

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Questions regarding this matter can be referred to  
SA [redacted], NVMRA, C-9, telephone [redacted]

LEAD

**MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION**

**AT TWIN LAKES, WISCONSIN**

Conduct interviews of IRENE and ROBERT RUSSO at 119 Park Ave, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Attempt to obtain the following:

1. Confirm that they provided money from their District Office employment back to ROSTENKOWSKI.
2. Determine how this money was provided to ROSTENKOWSKI.
3. Determine the extent of work performed by the RUSSO's for ROSTENKOWSKI that was of a personal nature and not related to their government employment.
4. Review the employment data provided and determine if the reported time periods are accurate. Ascertain what amounts of funds were returned to ROSTENKOWSKI for each period, if possible.

5. Serve the enclosed subpoenas on [redacted]  
[redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/11/93

House of Representatives, Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA),  
 office telephone [redacted] home address [redacted]  
 [redacted] telephone [redacted] DOB [redacted] POB [redacted]  
 [redacted] SSAN [redacted] was interviewed at the office of the  
 United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Washington,  
 D.C. Also present at this interview was Postal Inspector [redacted]  
 [redacted] and Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and  
 [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted]  
 provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he started employment at the SAA in April of 1980, and that he started work in the Financial Services Area of the SAA, which was commonly called the House Bank. He performed normal teller duties until the year 1989 when he was transferred to the Special Events staff. After this time he worked almost exclusively for Special Events, but on rare occasions he would assist as a teller in the Bank if they needed help. [redacted] advised that this would be 1-2 times per week, and only if a Representative was waiting for service and there was no one to assist him. Other tellers that worked the windows were [redacted] (ph).

[redacted] recalled that many Members exchanged cash for other denominations, usually smaller denominations, at the Bank teller windows. Many Members changed larger bills to small amounts but he had no specific memory about any Member changing large amounts of small bills for larger denomination bills.

[redacted] stated that he seldom dealt with DAN ROSTENKOWSKI at the Bank nor did he recall that he exchanged large amounts of cash. [redacted] did recall that ROSTENKOWSKI would come to the Bank to obtain \$2 bills, although he was not sure why he wanted them. He also recalled that he discussed ROSTENKOWSKI wanting 2-3 packs of \$2 bill with the other tellers. [redacted] had no conversations with other tellers about ROSTENKOWSKI ever exchanging large amounts of cash to larger denominations. [redacted] added that records for cash orders placed by the Bank would be retained.

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[redacted] advised that it was not unusual for Members to have large amounts of cash in their possession and some would even want their paychecks in cash. [redacted] advised that he is personal friends with ROSTENKOWSKI [redacted] and that is she ever came into the bank she would always say hello. He met [redacted] through [redacted] who he also met as a result of his employment at the House. [redacted] has had no conversations with [redacted] about the investigation involving ROSTENKOWSKI and he last spoke to her about two months ago.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Washington D.C. Also present at this interview were Postal Inspector [redacted] Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] attorney, [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted] who was aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent, provided the following information:

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that the [redacted] advised that in late June, 1993, she learned

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The [redacted]

stated that she learned of this [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she [redacted]

advised her [redacted]

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advised that she told [redacted]

that they should [redacted]

but she learned that [redacted] was under pressure

[redacted] stated that she had no specific knowledge of the [redacted], nor did she have any knowledge of [redacted]

Her first knowledge of the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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provided to [redacted] for legal services he provided to [redacted]

and the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 08/24/93

TO: WMFO  
SQUAD C-9 (Encl. 2)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (RUC)  
SQUAD 3

POINT OF CONTACT: SA [redacted]

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TITLE: PLATE BLOCK  
OO: WMFO

References: Milwaukee SCF dated 8/17/93; WMFO airtel dated 8/11/93 and WMFO telcall from SA [redacted] to SA [redacted] 8/23/93.

Enclosures: Two unexecuted Federal Grand Jury subpoenas for [redacted]  
[redacted]

PURPOSE(S): To return subpoenas and RUC case per WMFO instructions.

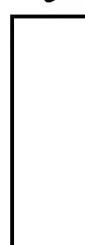
DETAILS: Referenced WMFO airtel requested interviews of [redacted] as well as the service of subpoenas. Results of interviews were sent to WMFO by referenced SCF, dated 8/17/93. In referenced WMFO telcall SA [redacted] advised SA [redacted] there was no need to serve enclosed subpoenas as [redacted] were working out grand jury appearances through their attorney.

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Based upon WMFO telcall, the unexecuted subpoenas are being returned and Milwaukee considers this matter RUC.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO CONFIRM TRAVEL TO  
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SUBJECT: PLATE BLOCK; OO:WMFO

WMFO TELCALL OF 9/9/92 FROM SSA [redacted] TO SSA

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 THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO CONFIRM TRAVEL TO THE CHICAGO DIVISION BY WMFO SA TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-17, 1993.

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Re WMFO telcall of 9/9/93 from SA [redacted]  
 to SSA [redacted]

For the information of the Milwaukee Field Division, captioned matter has determined that subject Rep. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI has improperly obtained the personal ownership of three motor vehicles over a six year period utilizing funds from the U.S. Treasury. ROSTENKOWSKI has accomplished this by falsely stating to the U.S. House of Representatives that he was leasing these vehicles for official District Office use.

In actuality, ROSTENKOWSKI had entered into a unique sales arrangement with WIL-SHORE MOTORS, of Wilmette, Illinois, which collected the "lease payments" over a two year period which totally paid for each vehicle. Three "leases" were entered into successively from 1987 through 1991, one lease per vehicle. At all times, ROSTENKOWSKI held unencumbered title for these vehicles, which have been identified as a 1987 Ford Econoline Van, a 1989 Ford Probe, and a 1991 Ford Taurus station wagon.

The Probe is currently maintained at the ROSTENKOWSKI residence in Chicago. The 1991 Taurus was

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returned to WIL-SHORE MOTORS in late 1992. The [redacted]  
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[redacted] residence in Genoa City, Wisconsin. [redacted]

[redacted] are required for the purposes of the Grand  
Jury.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT GENOA CITY, WISCONSIN

Discretely attempt to obtain [redacted]

[redacted] at the ROSTENKOWSKI summer residence  
located at 233 93rd Street, Genoa City, Wisconsin, 53128. If  
[redacted] provide to WMFO by  
9/13/93.

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## INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

## FBI, Butte Information Technology Center

400 North Main Street, Room #115  
Butte, Montana 59701

- Commercial Telephone: (406) 782-2304
- FTS: 700-585-2391 ► FAX: (406) 782-9504, 782-9507 & 782-7418
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SA [Redacted]

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Requestor: SA

(Requestor Name is Required)

Office/RA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Driver's Lic. Conducted:  Yes  NoSubject:  Yes  No Vehicle:  Yes  No Driver's License:  Yes  No

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

SEARCH CRITERIA (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name - Last: Russo First: Robert Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Alias: Irene Russo 1/22/82 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB1: 12/10/82 DOB2: 1/1

SSAN1: \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN2: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESIDENCE

Street Address: 1902 N Leith City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS 719 Park Dr. Twin Lakes, WI

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK DESIRED SEARCH PARAMETERS (Please check only those that are needed)

- 1. Specific Information Desired \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Determine All Individuals Associated with Social Security Number(s)
- 3. Report Validity of Social Security Number
- 4. Employment Report (*subject to availability*) **INQUIRY WILL POST TO CONSUMER'S ACCOUNT**
- 5. Determine Who is Associated with Telephone Number(s)
- 6. Determine Address of Business/Person ( U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State(s))
- 7. Determine Property Owned by Individual ( U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State(s))
- 8. Determine Who Owns Property Listed Above
- 9. Determine Who Resides at Address Listed Above
- 10. Determine Financial Background Info, Financial Associates/Institutions (**NOT FULL CREDIT REPORTING**)
- 11. Determine Corporate Business Info/Institutions Associated with: \_\_\_\_\_ (Person/Business)

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\_\_\_\_ Subject(s)  Arrested  Located  Identified  
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CITY : TWIN LAKES ST : WI ZIP CODE: PHONE #: ( ) -

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

8/16/93

ROBERT L. RUSSO, date of birth December 10, 1936, 1902 North Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone (312) 342-3133, was interviewed at 119 Park Drive, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, telephone (414) 877-2058, concerning U.S. Congressman DAN ROSTENKOWSKI. At the outset of the interview, he was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview.

Present during the interview was his wife, IRENE RUSSO, [redacted]

[redacted] ROBERT RUSSO, who indicated he suffers from Parkinson's Disease, advised as follows:

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He was employed by the City of Chicago, Illinois, Water Department at the inflow water valve located off-shore in Lake Michigan. He had to take a disability retirement because of his disease. While working for the City of Chicago, he would spend one week at the inflow valve location called "the crib" and would have the next week off. It was during this every other week off that he worked for Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI. His job was general clean up and his supervisor was [redacted]. He was paid by government check with Social Security withheld. His disease also caused him to leave his employment with the congressman.

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His duties were to clean the ward office at 2150 North Damon Avenue, Chicago, as well as ROSTENKOWSKI's office at his home located at 1372 Evergreen. RUSSO denied cleaning the rest of ROSTENKOWSKI's home. He also denied paying money to ROSTENKOWSKI or anyone else to get his job or to retain it. Once, early in his employment, he was asked to trim some bushes at the ROSTENKOWSKI cottage in Wisconsin. It only took a couple of hours and this was the only time he did any work at the cottage.

It was during the questioning concerning the ROSTENKOWSKI cottage that RUSSO started shaking and appeared upset. A break was taken. RUSSO took medication and shortly thereafter the interview resumed.

RUSSO indicated the only donations to ROSTENKOWSKI were fund raisers that his wife described to the interviewing agents.

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 by SA [redacted] *obj* (RLE:dg) Date dictated 8/14/93

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RUSSO knew of no employees of ROSTENKOWSKI who paid back money they earned to get or keep their job. He denied knowing of any employee who did personal work for ROSTENKOWSKI while being paid with government funds.

RUSSO was not able to say if he was paid by the hour or weekly or monthly. He did not punch a time clock or fill out a time sheet. He would just show up to do the cleaning. [redacted]

[redacted] knew when he worked so she must have approved his getting paid. [redacted] was aware of everything that was going on at the ward office.

It was pointed out to RUSSO that the interviewing agents had his work records that showed employment from 1976 through 1986. RUSSO believes this was the period of time of his employment. It was also pointed out that during some quarters there were no wages reported. RUSSO responded that he was told when to report for work by [redacted] and there were times, such as during re-election campaigns, that he was not asked to work so as not to get in the way. RUSSO stated he did not know who cleaned the ward office during the periods he did not work.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

8/16/93

IRENE RUSSO, date of birth January 22, 1928, 1902 North Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone (312) 342-3133, was interviewed at 119 Park Drive, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, telephone (414) 877-2058, concerning U.S. Congressman DAN ROSTENKOWSKI. At the outset of the interview, she was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. Present during the interview was [redacted], and after the first 15 minutes RUSSO's husband, ROBERT RUSSO, was also present. IRENE RUSSO supplied the following information:

She and her husband live with their [redacted] at the [redacted] address and also share the house in [redacted] during the summer. Prior to 1975, ROSTENKOWSKI's wife would visit RUSSO's beauty shop in Chicago. That is how the RUSSOS knew the ROSTENKOWSKIS. IRENE RUSSO could not keep the beauty shop because of bronchial problems, so for a period in 1975 and 1976 she worked for Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI at his ward office at 2150 North Damon Avenue, Chicago, where her duties consisted of answering the telephone and general clean up. She left the employment there in 1976 because "she didn't want to work anymore." Her supervisor was [redacted]. She was paid by government check. She denied ever paying any money out of her paycheck to ROSTENKOWSKI or any of his staff in order for her to get that job or to keep it. She denied ever being asked or doing work which was of a personal nature for ROSTENKOWSKI during the time she was being paid by the government. She could not tell the interviewing agents if she was being paid by the hour or on a weekly or monthly basis. She did not punch a time clock or fill out a time sheet. The only time they "donated" anything to the ROSTENKOWSKI campaign was when they bought \$100 tickets for a dinner/dance fund raiser where both the RUSSOS attended, as well as their [redacted]

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She denied knowing if any other employee was asked for or had given part of their wages back to ROSTENKOWSKI and/or his staff and indicated that would have been a "personal" thing she would have no knowledge of. She also denied any knowledge of any other employee doing personal things for the ROSTENKOWSKIS while on government time.

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SA [redacted] (RLE:dg) Date dictated 8/14/93  
by SA [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of IRENE RUSSO, on 8/14/93, Page 2

The RUSSOS at one time lived in the same building as the ROSTENKOWSKIS. The RUSSOS had to move out of the building they were living in and she asked [redacted] for help in finding an apartment and they ended up moving into the ROSTENKOWSKI building and living there from 1974 through 1990.

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She confirmed that the ROSTENKOWSKIS had a cottage on Benedict Lake which is not far from Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. She has been there on a few occasions when her daughter was asked to go swimming by the ROSTENKOWSKI daughters. She and her husband do not get invited there by the ROSTENKOWSKIS because they are "not in their league." She denied ever doing work for the ROSTENKOWSKIS at their cottage but did agree with the statement from ROBERT RUSSO that he went to the cottage once to trim bushes when requested to do so. This was quite a long time ago and stated this only happened once. She further stated her husband was not good at yard work. An individual called "Cowboy" cut the grass at the ROSTENKOWSKI cottage for a period of time. He is a local man who did that sort of thing for a living.

At the beginning of the interview, IRENE RUSSO wanted it to be known to the interviewing agents that she has a great deal of respect for Congressman ROSTENKOWSKI and wished people would talk about the good things he has done. Also at the beginning of the interview, prior to the arrival of her husband, when she was told she was being interviewed concerning the employment of her and her husband by ROSTENKOWSKI, she stated her husband had worked for the City of Chicago and only after additional discussion did she agree that her husband also worked for ROSTENKOWSKI.

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INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date: 08/17/93

TO: WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN FIELD OFFICE (Encl. 7)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (RUC)  
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POINT OF CONTACT: SA [redacted]

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OO: WMFO

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References: Telcall of SA [redacted] WMFO, to  
SA [redacted] Milwaukee, on 8/10/93, and  
SA [redacted] telcall to SA [redacted] on 8/16/93.

Enclosures: Original and one copy of an FD-302 re  
IRENE RUSSO; original and one copy of an FD-302 re  
ROBERT RUSSO; [redacted]  
[redacted] and a 1A envelope containing interview  
notes.

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PURPOSE(S): To forward enclosures to WMFO and RUC Milwaukee's  
case.

DETAILS: Interviews of the RUSSOS were conducted as requested in  
referenced 8/10/93 telcall. No other investigation is  
outstanding.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/12/93

Attorney [redacted] white male, date of birth (DOB) [redacted]

[redacted] work address [redacted]

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. He provided the following information:

[redacted] first met representative JOE KOLTER by working for him on his campaign for U.S. Congress, beginning in June 1982. KOLTER won the election and asked [redacted] to work for him on his staff as a congressional legislative assistant. [redacted] accepted the position and began work at KOLTER's office in Washington, DC, on January 3, 1983. [redacted] resigned from the position in mid-August 1986. [redacted] job required him to be an expert about some of the issues in which Congressman KOLTER was interested. [redacted] also wrote speeches for KOLTER, drafted generic response letters from KOLTER to his constituents and met with lobbyists, business persons and KOLTER's constituents.

[redacted] had minimal contacts with the business and accounting part of KOLTER's office. [redacted] said that KOLTER kept very tight control of his office finances and accounting procedures. [redacted] mentioned that only KOLTER had the card necessary to use the house office supply store which provided free office supplies to members of congress.

[redacted] knows nothing about any improper postage stamp usage by KOLTER. [redacted] said that the office almost always used the congressional frank for its outgoing mail. Very occasionally, if it was determined that use of the congressional postage frank was inappropriate, the office would obtain stamps from the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office. It was [redacted] impression that the stamps were paid for out of the office budget but he knows no details about how this was done. [redacted] never had any reason to believe that KOLTER engaged in any questionable or illegal activities.

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Investigation on 8/6/93 at Pittsburgh, PA File # 58C-WF-180673 -430  
 by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/6/93  
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Continuation of FD-302 of Attorney [redacted] DOB: [redacted] n 8/6/93, Page 2

[redacted] left KOLTER's employment under good circumstances; [redacted] said that the position did not pay well and it was time for him to move to a new job. [redacted] noted that he spent nearly three years as a legislative assistant whereas most people leave after only eighteen months. [redacted] does not maintain contact with KOLTER.

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Date 8/17/93

TO : SAC, WMFO  
 FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (58C-WF-180673) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK  
 (OO: WMFO)

Re WMFO airtel to Pittsburgh, dated 6/8/93.

Enclosed for WMFO are the original and two copies of an FD-302 reflecting the interview of [REDACTED] A 1A envelope containing the original interview notes is also enclosed.

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